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H.B. No. 730

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 730:

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C.S.H.B. No. 730

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a disclosure by an attorney before accepting
3 representation of a client in a suit for the dissolution of
4 marriage.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 6, Family Code, is amended
7 by adding Section 6.412 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 6.412. DISCLOSURE REQUIRED. (a) An attorney may not
9 agree to represent a client in a suit for dissolution of a marriage
10 unless the attorney provides the disclosure described by Subsection
11 (b) to the client.

12 (b) The State Bar of Texas shall adopt the disclosure form
13 required under this section. The disclosure must include:

14 (1) information about arbitration, mediation,
15 collaborative law, and alternatives to retaining an attorney for
16 the dissolution of a marriage; and

17 (2) any other information the state bar requires.

18 SECTION 2. (a) The State Bar of Texas shall adopt the
19 disclosure form required by Section 6.412, Family Code, as added by
20 this Act, not later than January 1, 2018.

21 (b) Section 6.412, Family Code, as added by this Act,
22 applies to the representation of a client that begins on or after
23 March 1, 2018.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.